

ELECTRODE HOLDING AND DISPENSING  
ASSEMBLY FOR ELECTRICAL DISCHARGE  
MACHINING APPARATUS

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An electrode holding and dispensing assembly for use with an electrical discharge machining apparatus. The assembly includes a guide rail having a channel formed therein and an electrode dispenser positioned to deliver electrodes to the channel. A slider is slidably received in the channel for advancing electrodes delivered to the channel from the dispenser to an electrode seating site located in the channel, where the electrode is securely held during machining operations.